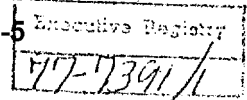


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11 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon  
Associate Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: DIA Photo-Interpreter Positions for NPIC

Hank:

As you may recall, in July 1976 and again in November 1976 the CFI discussed the issue of photo-interpreters for NPIC and agreed to await a better understanding of [redacted] on the PI's before making a determination. Accordingly, it was agreed that the whole issue of PI support throughout the Intelligence Community required a fresh look, and we directed [redacted] consider this within the context of the [redacted] study. Although that study is still underway, we asked [redacted] to step aside a bit and focus on the PI requirements in order to answer your queries on this subject. As a result of his discussions with John Hicks, [redacted] is convinced that NPIC has a legitimate workload envisioned to require additional positions in excess of [redacted] PI's, the remainder requiring further justification. [redacted] also indicates that in order to meet this workload which would befall NPIC [redacted] NPIC would need [redacted] lead time in order to prepare and train the PI's [redacted] Or, simply stated, it needs the additional positions by [redacted]

I have spoken to Admiral Inman regarding DIA's reluctance to provide the positions, and he noted that it was simply a question of priorities versus the limited people they have. However, he has put [redacted] positions for NPIC in their program objective memo for FY 1979 as over guidance. This, of course, will cause the PRC to focus on this again during the program hearings in July. While the 1979 program may not be sufficient time as far as Hicks is concerned, the consideration of the PI issue in July can prompt a PRC decision beforehand; i.e., direct DIA to allocate the [redacted] positions in a timely fashion.

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The whole issue of PI's, however, undoubtedly deserves a more comprehensive look than isolating on the [ ] DIA positions for NPIC. We are preparing now a memorandum for Admiral Turner addressed to CIA and DIA announcing that a study team will review the entire [national] photo-interpretation resources in CIA and DIA to determine if there are areas of overlap or duplication which can be eliminated, thereby freeing manpower resources to satisfy the growing PI need. We propose that the study group be chaired by the IC Staff with representation from DIA and CIA.

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will be involved.*

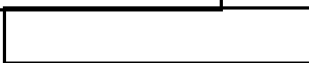
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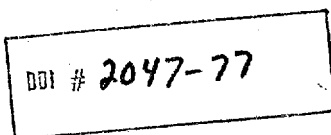
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
Director/NPIC

Please advise me whether you believe we should  
reply to this memorandum prior to Hank's return.



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